

# Jobs Agenda

Republicans in the Senate will not be satisfied until every American who wants a job can find a job and are working on solutions.

**Senate Republicans are working on behalf of the American people to create more jobs and put more money in their pockets:**

- A Highway Bill to make our roads safer, strengthen our infrastructure and create jobs.
- Passed an Energy Bill providing clean, affordable energy for a growing secure economy, and protecting nearly 2 million jobs over the next decade.
- Passed CAFTA which will open up new markets for American goods by reducing hefty tariffs and leveling the playing field for American farmers, manufacturers, and workers.
- Passed a Budget that protects America, promotes economic growth, cuts taxes and keeps the United States on track to cut the deficit in half by 2009.
- Passed Class Action Reform because we realize that when greedy personal injury lawyers push frivolous lawsuits, Americans lose jobs.
- Passed Bankruptcy Reform so that people who are responsible and pay their bills on time do not have to subsidize the irresponsible actions of a few.

**Republican Pro-Job Policies are Working:**

- 146,000 new jobs in June means nearly 3.7 million new jobs have been created in two years.
- June was the 25th straight month we've added jobs and more Americans are working now than ever before.
- The unemployment rate fell to its lowest since September 2001 - 5.0 %.



## Securing Our Nation by Strengthening Our Borders and Combatting Weapons of Mass Destruction

The war on terror continues to threaten innocent people across the globe, as witnessed in last week's London subway bombings. We must work to pass legislation that secures our borders and addresses the threat of weapons of mass destruction to protect the American people.

**The United States Needs to Increase Control of Its Borders.**

- The U.S. shares 5,525 miles of border with Canada and 1,989 miles of border with Mexico in addition to 95,000 of shoreline.
- More than 500 million people cross our borders every year; nearly 330 million are not U.S. citizens.
- 16 million cargo containers enter the U.S. annually.

**A Multi-Pronged Strategy is Necessary:**

- Increase the number of border control agents and personnel to enforce our nation's immigration laws.
- Ensure adequate training capacity to significantly increase numbers of law enforcement personnel.
- Provide necessary infrastructure and technology to assist agents.

**The FY06 Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Bill provides unprecedented funding and significant increases for a variety of programs to ensure border protection for those who wish to enter illegally and for those who wish to enter the country for illicit purposes.**

- \$31.86 billion for Department of Homeland Security operations and programs, an increase of \$1.4 billion from FY05 level.
- \$9.8 billion for border protection and immigration enforcement, providing for additional border patrol, enforcement and investigative operations and programs.
- \$1.409 billion in operations and infrastructure, and research and development to mitigate the effects of weapons of mass destruction.



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